

From left to right: Inside the new Sheiko Elementary School and West Bloomfield Preschool Academy on Walnut Lake Road, current Sheiko Elementary Principal Blaine McDowell, retired Principal Kathy Sheiko, Board of Education President Stacy Brickman, and Superintendent Dania H. Bazzi, PhD.



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND SUPERINTENDENT

As we begin a new school year in West Bloomfield School District, there is momentum. We are charting new waters, but our destination remains clear: ensuring every student is challenged, supported and prepared for what comes next.

This year, that commitment will be visible in new spaces and new opportunities. We are thrilled to welcome students into the new Sheiko Elementary and West Bloomfield Preschool Academy, a state-of-the-art home for our youngest Lakers. Join us for the ribbon-cutting on September 16 at 6:30 p.m. at 4500 Walnut Lake Road. We also broke ground on Doherty Elementary at 3575 Walnut Lake Road on September 8. These projects would not have been possible without our community's support, and we are grateful for your investment in our students and schools.

But new buildings are only part of the story. Our strongest investment continues to be in teaching and learning.

At West Bloomfield Middle School, Advanced Pathways launches this year, with accelerated pathways in English, social studies and science for students ready to be challenged. This creates a bridge to West Bloomfield High School, where students can choose from 27 Advanced Placement courses.

In elementary, Level Up Math continues to expand opportunities for students ready to accelerate. Updated criteria have increased access, maintaining a success rate above 95%, with participation projected to grow roughly 40%. We want every student to have the right challenge, support and opportunity to keep growing.

That also means identifying where students need support and working intentionally to close gaps. We do that by using student achievement and growth data to identify needs, providing targeted intervention and enrichment through small-group learning, reading intervention support and dedicated support classes at the middle and high school levels.

Academic excellence, however, is never just about courses, programs or test scores. Students do their best learning when they know they belong, when someone knows their name and when school and home are working together.

Being a Laker means we challenge one another, care for one another and show up for one another.

That is why we look to our families, staff, and community as partners. It truly takes a village. Our students deserve our very best, and our staff, families and community show what is possible when we work together on their behalf.

There will be new waters ahead. We know who we are, we know what our students need and we know we can do this together.

Proud to be WB,
Stacy Brickman
Board of Education President

Dania H. Bazzi, PhD
Superintendent

SAVE THE DATE

September 16: NEW Sheiko Elementary Ribbon Cutting
September 18: Family Fun Night at WBHS
September 21: No School
October 14: Late Start
October 15: Fall Music Collage Concert at WBHS

November 3: No School
November 3: Heroes Appreciation Breakfast at WBMS
November 17-19: Conferences
November 25-27: Thanksgiving Break
December 15: Winter Choir Concert at WBHS
December 21-January 1: Winter Break

» News & Notes from the District

WBHS STUDENT-ATHLETES EARN HIGH HONORS

Congratulations to West Bloomfield High School swimmers Elizabeth Eichbrecht and Trae Lewis on earning NISCA All-American honors, one of the highest recognitions for high school swimmers in the nation!

Elizabeth has now earned 15 All-American honors throughout her remarkable high school career, including the No. 1 national ranking in the 500 Freestyle and No. 2 in the 200 Freestyle for 2026. Trae was also recognized as a 2026 NISCA All-American in the 200 Individual Medley and 100 Backstroke.

We are incredibly proud of these outstanding student-athletes for representing West Bloomfield with excellence in and out of the pool.

Kamryn Tatum has established herself as one of the nation's top high school sprint recruits, holding several school records, winning multiple MHSAA state championships in the 100m, 200m, and 400m while earning national titles and All-American honors before committing to the University of Illinois.



MEDIA MAKER CAMP

Digital Media Arts Instructor Jennifer Williamson welcomed creators, storytellers and future filmmakers for two weeks of hands-on media production. Campers learned how to operate professional cameras, report on camera, edit videos, produce social media content, and work together to create exciting projects they'll be proud to share.



More than 250 people gathered to watch "Super Mario Bros" at our largest outdoor classroom at West Bloomfield High School (thank you for the bond that made our scoreboard possible). Thank you to West Bloomfield Parks for your partnership!



CHEF JESSE ALMODOVAR

WBSD's Chef Jesse Almodovar made the summer special by guiding summer campers in planting cilantro, basil, and parsley.



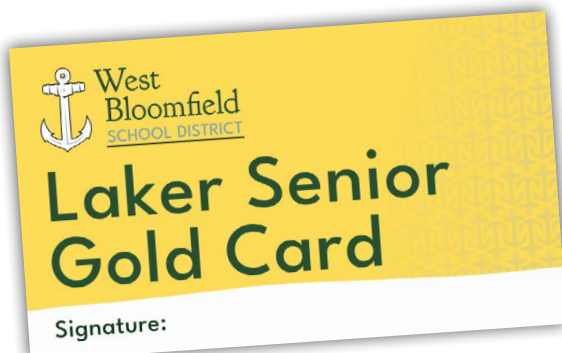
Parents of WBSD students can apply to receive six non-perishable meals each Friday of the school year. The goal of Fueling Kids' Futures is to make sure no child goes hungry during the weekend. Run by volunteers, there is NO cost to the families. To apply, visit <https://www.wbsd.org/community>.



Together we are planting the seeds for a lifelong love of learning.

West Bloomfield School District is proud to partner with Henry Ford Health West Bloomfield to support early literacy. WBSD donated 250 copies of "Goodnight Moon" to the Labor and Delivery Unit. Each book will be gifted to new mothers, along with a heartfelt message about the power of reading to children from the moment they are born.

Photo credit: WBHS student photographer Brenden Doyle/West Bloomfield School District



FREE ADMISSION FOR RESIDENTS 65+

Laker Senior Gold Cards are available for West Bloomfield School District residents age 65 and above so they may attend plays, athletic games and musical performances free of charge. Cards are available in the high school athletic office or the ACS Office at 5810 Commerce Road.

» News & Notes from the District



Congratulations!

Congratulations to WBHS student Max Columbus, who recently represented WB at the 2026 Washington Journalism and Media Conference at George Mason University!

As a national youth correspondent, Max spent the week learning from media professionals, collaborating with students from across the country, and gaining valuable journalism experience. Way to represent Laker Nation!



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WBHS ALUM SPOTLIGHT ON Evan Seigerman Class of 2006

LOOKING BACK ON YOUR TIME AT WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, WHAT EXPERIENCES OR MEMORIES STAND OUT TO YOU THE MOST?

My AP classes, including calculus and economics, while challenging, set me up well for success in college and beyond. The quality of my teachers was integral to my success in all of my classes. I was also actively involved in the theatre arts program throughout all four years at WBHS. My experience in this extracurricular activity taught me public speaking, presentation skills and general public presence, which I use frequently, including during my many TV segments on CNBC.

WAS THERE A TEACHER, CLASS AND/OR SUBJECT THAT HAD A LASTING IMPACT ON YOU, AND WHY?

AP Economics (Micro, Macro): Jackie Evola – these two classes set in motion my BBA education at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and my interest in the financial markets.

I'd also add Dr. Brandell, who taught my AP BC Calculus class. This class, while challenging, taught me how to solve complex problems that extend beyond mathematics. I also remember my time in AP Biology fondly.

WHAT LESSONS OR SKILLS DID WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL HELP YOU DEVELOP THAT YOU STILL USE TODAY?

During my time at WBHS, I honed several key skills that I still use today:

1. Writing and communication. These are integral to my success. Even in finance, writing and communication are critical. I write more now than I did in high school. The ability to communicate succinctly and coherently in writing is essential in my professional life.
2. Economics and mathematics: Understanding financial markets requires strong mathematical and economics skills. I was able to lay the foundation of these skills during my time at WBHS.
3. Public speaking and presentation: I would not be nearly as strong of a public speaker as I am today without my participation in the theatre arts program.

IN WHAT WAYS DID BEING A LAKER HELP SHAPE WHO YOU ARE PERSONALLY OR PROFESSIONALLY?

Several classes and extracurricular activities set the stage for my professional life in finance. I am currently the head of healthcare investment research at the investment bank of BMO Capital Markets, based in NYC. I focus my work on pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. I have been on Wall Street since 2013 at four different firms. Before my Wall Street career, I was a strategy consultant, also focused on biotech and pharmaceutical companies. My official bio can be found here: <https://capitalmarkets.bmo.com/en/our-bankers/evan-david-seigerman/>.



WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO CURRENT WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AS THEY PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION, AND FRESHMEN AS THEY BEGIN HIGH SCHOOL?

High school is only four years of your life, but these four years can have a deep and lasting impact on the trajectory of your life. Your time in high school matters: your classes, grades, activities, and friends. You will not have all the answers about what you want to do afterward, but putting in effort now to be the best you can be across your classes and activities will pay dividends well into your adult life.

Use this time to explore new things: take that elective you are curious about, join that club (I did with theatre, and it set me up for a lifetime of public speaking) and don't be afraid to ask your teachers for help and guidance when you're stuck. They are not the enemy and are committed every day to your success and development.

2026 BOARD OF EDUCATION

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WBSD Board Meetings are held in the iCenter at West Bloomfield High School at 7 p.m. Board Study Sessions are held at 6:30 p.m., in the ACS building, 5810 Commerce Road.

September 14 - Board Study Session
September 28 - Board Meeting
October 12 - Board Study Session
October 26 - Board Meeting
November 9 - Board Study Session
November 23 - Board Meeting
December 7 - Board Study Session
December 14 - Board Meeting

West Bloomfield School District

Dania H. Bazzi, PhD
Superintendent
248-865-6485

Call for a Tour

West Bloomfield High School
248-865-6720

Oakland Early College
248-522-3540

Laker Opportunity Center
248-522-3542

West Bloomfield Transition Center
248-539-0532

West Bloomfield Middle School
248-865-4480

Doherty Elementary School
(at Abbott site temporarily)
248-865-6020

Gretchko Elementary School
248-865-6570

Scotch Elementary School
248-865-3280

Sheiko Elementary School
248-865-6370

Adult Ed. English Language Learner
248-539-2390

WB Preschool Academy
248-865-6457

WBSD Communications

Andrea Frank
248-865-6454



ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

Students 18 and older from any district are eligible to register for our English Language Learner program. Classes are held at 7071 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 100, West Bloomfield. Don't wait to learn English or improve your English language skills.

FALL 2026 ENGLISH CLASSES

Registration is open now for morning and evening classes. Call (248) 539-2390 or email melissa.mcdonald@wbsd.org to make a registration appointment.



West Bloomfield School District
PORTRAIT of a GRADUATE

2026 - 2027

Calendar

August 31	First Full Day of School
September 4-7	Labor Day - No School
September 9	Late Start
September 21	No School
October 14	Late Start
November 3	No School
November 11	Late Start
November 17	Evening Conferences - EL
November 18	Evening Conferences - MS
November 19	Evening Conferences - HS
November 20	Half Day - All Schools
Nov 25-27	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 21-Jan 1	Winter Break
January 13	Half Day - HS Only

January 14-15	Half Day - All Schools
January 18	No School - MLK Jr. Day
February 10	Late Start
February 15	No School - Mid-Winter Break
March 10	No School
March 17	Late Start
March 26	No School
Mar 29-Apr 2	No School - Spring Break
April 14	Late Start
May 12	Late Start
May 31	No School - Memorial Day
June 9	Half Day - HS Only
June 10	Half Day - All Schools
June 11	Half Day - Students' Last Day

SCHOOL	Start Time	Dismissal Time	Late Start Time	Half-Day Dismissal Time
WBHS & Transition Center	7:45 a.m.	2:38 p.m.	9:45 a.m.	10:55 a.m.
Oakland Early College	8 a.m.	3 p.m.	10 a.m.	11:14 a.m.
Doherty & WBMS	8 a.m.	2:52 p.m.	10 a.m.	11:02 a.m.
Gretchko, Scotch & Sheiko	9 a.m.	3:52 p.m.	11 a.m.	12:02 p.m.
AM Early Childhood SE	8:15 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	NA	NA
PM Early Childhood SE	12:15 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	NA	NA

Report absences between the hours of 6 p.m. and the start of the next school day by calling the Safeline # below:

Doherty Elementary (248) 865-6002
Gretchko Elementary (248) 865-6572
Scotch Elementary (248) 865-3282
Sheiko Elementary (248) 865-6372
WBMS (248) 865-4482
WBHS (248) 865-6722
Transition Center (248) 539-0532

Note: Late Start is 2 hours after the regular start time.

WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

15th Annual FAMILY FUN NIGHT



Saluting our U.S. Military, Police,
& Fire Heroes



5 p.m. - FREE Fun Activities: Touch a Truck, Bounce Houses,
Dunk Tank, Games, Fun, & More
6:45 p.m. - Opening Tribute Ceremony
7 p.m. - WBHS vs Lake Orion

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